#### A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

# Human Resources, Benefits Office – UW Retirement Plan

## RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is the Recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee that the Board of Regents approve and adopt the University of Washington Retirement Plan and University of Washington 401(a) Supplemental Retirement Plan, each as amended and restated effective January 1, 2009 (collectively, the "Plans"), in or substantially in the form presented to this meeting.

It is further recommended that the Board of Regents authorize the officers of the University to make such changes in the Plans, not substantially at variance with the documents presented to this meeting, to execute the Plans in the University's name, and to take such other actions as they deem necessary or appropriate to implement the Plans, including (without limitation) establishment and funding (up to \$1,000) of a trust for the 401(a) Supplemental Retirement Plan, execution of a trust agreement with one or more trustees, submission of governmental filings, including one or more applications to the Internal Revenue Service for determination letters, preparation and execution of additional documentation to provide the intended benefits, and communications with employees.

# **EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED CHANGES**

As outlined at the September Regents' meeting, the Internal Revenue Service recently updated IRC § 403 regulations for the first time since 1964. The regulations require all employers' plan documents to be in compliance with new provisions and mandatory language starting January 1, 2009.

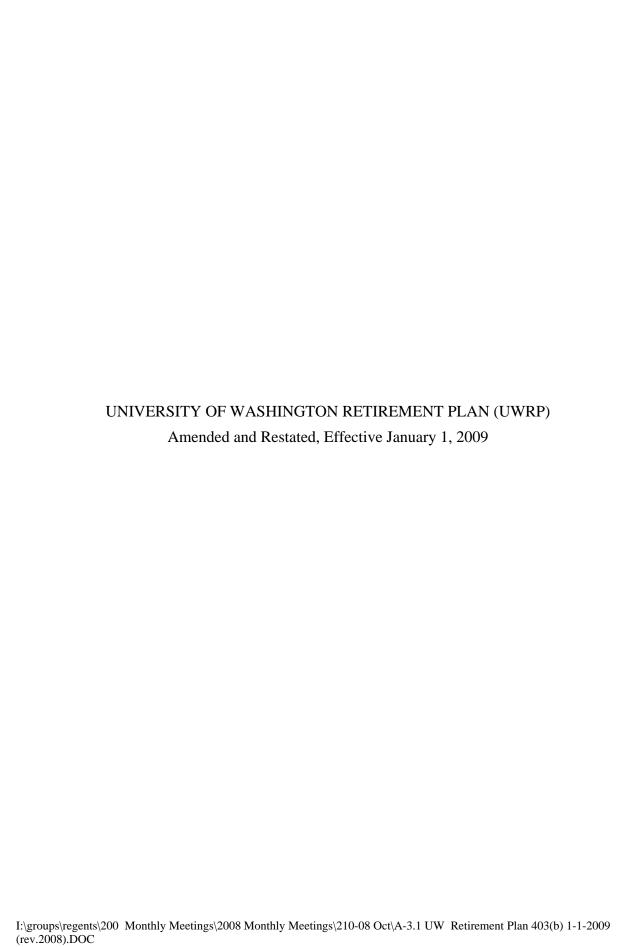
Under the regulations, the existing UWRP must be split into two plans because the Supplemental Benefit cannot continue to be part of an IRC § 403(b) plan. It is more appropriately treated as a separate IRC § 401(a) plan. The two plans will exist in parallel, with participants enrolled in both plans.

The state of Washington public higher education institutions are working together to make required changes to their plans with the assistance of a Special Assistant Attorney General, who specializes in retirement plans, acting as our common legal counsel. This is to ensure consistency among the plans' provisions and compliance with state law. The Faculty Council on Benefits and Retirement as well as the Professional Staff Association have both been updated on the required changes. No changes have been made to plan eligibility or participation rules. Copies of the final plan documents are attached. Minor changes may be necessary to obtain an IRS determination letter on the tax-favored status of this new Supplemental Plan, for which we anticipate filing an application in January.

Attachment: FINAL: University of Washington Retirement Plan

FINAL: University of Washington Supplemental Retirement Plan

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#### 1. Establishment of Plan

The University of Washington Board of Regents established the University of Washington Retirement Plan as of September 1, 1939. This plan document sets forth the provisions of the Plan, as amended through January 1, 2009. This Plan is a governmental plan as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 414(d), and is intended to satisfy the provisions of Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### 2. Definitions

The terms and phrases defined in this Article have the following meanings throughout this plan document.

- 2.1. **Accumulation Account** means the separate account established for each Participant with a Fund Sponsor. The current value of a Participant's Accumulation Account includes all Plan Contributions to the Fund Sponsor, less expense charges, and reflecting investment experience.
- 2.2. **Annuity Contract** means a non-transferable contract described in Section 403(b)(1) of the Code, that is issued by an insurance company qualified to issue annuities in the State of Washington and that includes payment in the form of an annuity.
- 2.3. **Beneficiary** means (a) with the written consent of the Participant's spouse, if any, such person or persons who shall have been designated by the Participant in writing duly executed and filed with the Fund Sponsor(s) or (b) if no such person survives the Participant, the surviving spouse of the Participant. A new designation may be made at any time before the Participant or Beneficiary has started to receive annuity payments under the Plan; any such new designation shall be subject to the conditions of this Section 2.3.
- 2.4. **Board** means the Board of Regents of the University of Washington.
- 2.5. **Break in Service** means termination of all UW employment and appointments for a full calendar month.
- 2.6. **Code** means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (Title 26 of the United States Code).
- 2.7. **Compensation** means the amount paid by UW to a Participant as regular pay for normally scheduled hours, including regular summer pay and sea pay, together with any paid leave, perquisite or differential pay at a flat amount independent of time, but excluding earnings incidental to an individual's status as a student, differentials paid at other than a flat amount independent of time, leave cash-out payments, and additional pays and excluding any settlement, severance or tenure purchase payments and any other amounts excluded by contract. Compensation shall be determined before taking into account any salary reduction under Code Section 125, 132, 403(b), or 457(a).

- 2.8. **Custodial Account** means the group or individual custodial account or accounts, described in Section 403(b)(7) of the Code, established for a Participant to hold assets of the Plan.
- 2.9. **Eligible Employee** means any employee of UW who is employed in an Eligible Position other than an employee who has retired from a position which is covered by RCW 28B.10.400 et seq. and who is not yet contributing to the Plan during the Optional Period.
- 2.10. **Eligible Position** means an academic, research, librarian, professional, or other position designated by the Board that requires at least fifty percent of the normal full-time workload per month in at least six consecutive months. However, a position held by a person on a fee, retainer, or special contract basis, or as an incident to the private practice of a profession or to the employee's education, is not an Eligible Position. The job classes of resident (job code 0328), chief resident (job code 0329) and fellow (job code 0444) shall also be considered Eligible Positions. An Eligible Employee, once having begun participation in this Plan, shall be deemed to be employed in an Eligible Position even if his or her position no longer requires at least fifty percent of the normal full-time workload per month in at least six consecutive months, so long as the position otherwise qualifies as an Eligible Position.
- 2.11. **Fund Sponsor** means an insurance, variable annuity, or investment company that provides Funding Vehicles available to Participants under this Plan.
- 2.12. **Funding Vehicles** means the Annuity Contracts and Custodial Accounts available for investing contributions under this Plan, as specifically approved by UW under Section 5.1.
- 2.13. **Optional Period** means the period beginning on an individual's first day as an Eligible Employee (or first day as an Eligible Employee following a Break in Service) and ending on the first day of the first pay period following the second anniversary of his or her date of employment in an eligible position, or, if earlier, upon termination of the individual's status as an Eligible Employee.
- 2.14. **Participant** means any Eligible Employee who participates in the Plan in accordance with Section 3.
- 2.15. **Plan** means the University of Washington Retirement Plan as set forth in this document as it may be amended from time to time in accordance with Section 10.1.
- 2.16. Plan Contributions means contributions by UW and the Participant under this Plan.
- 2.17. **Plan Year** means a 12 consecutive month period beginning on July 1st and ending on June 30th through June 30, 2009; the six consecutive month period beginning on July 1, 2009, and ending December 31, 2009; and each calendar year thereafter.
- 2.18. **Related Employer** means any entity which is under common control with UW under Section 414(b) or (c) of the Code.
- 2.19. **Retirement Age**: normal retirement age means the last day of the calendar month in which age 65 is attained; early retirement age means the last day of the calendar month in which either

- (a) age 62 is attained or (b) age 55 is attained with ten or more Years of Service completed without a Break in Service.
- 2.20. **UW** means the University of Washington.
- 2.21. **Washington State Retirement System** means any retirement system paid for by the State of Washington and administered by the State of Washington Department of Retirement Systems.

# 3. Eligibility and Participation

# 3.1. Participation.

- (a) An Eligible Employee may begin participation in this Plan during his or her Optional Period and is required to begin participation in this Plan no later than the last day of the Optional Period. Once having begun participation in this Plan, a Participant cannot cease participation while employed in an Eligible Position.
- (b) A participant in a Washington State Retirement System who is moved to or whose position is converted to an Eligible Position, may make an irrevocable election to participate in this Plan or remain in the Washington State Retirement System by making the election no later than thirty days following the date of the move or conversion or such later date as the UW Benefits and WorkLife Office gives notice to the participant. If no timely election is made, the participant will remain in the Washington State Retirement System. Such election shall be made available only once in an individual's unbroken service to UW regardless of future changes of position, and enrollment in this Plan shall be irrevocable. For this purpose, "unbroken service" means service without a Break in Service.
- (c) A Participant who has participated in this Plan for at least two years and who is moved to or whose position is converted to a position that qualifies for participation in a Washington State Retirement System, may make an irrevocable election to participate in the Washington State Retirement System or remain in this Plan by making the election no later than thirty days following the date of the move or conversion or such later date as the UW Benefits and WorkLife Office gives notice to the participant, provided that the initial enrollment in this Plan was not irrevocable as provided above. If no timely election is made, the Participant will remain irrevocably in this Plan.
- (d) A person who is hired by UW in a position that is not an Eligible Position but is eligible for participation in the Washington State Public Employees Retirement System, and who, immediately prior to his or her hire date, has for at least two consecutive years made or benefited from contributions under a retirement plan underwritten by a Fund Sponsor with a public university or college in the State of Washington, may irrevocably elect to participate in this Plan if the election is made within thirty days after his or her hire. If no election is made, the person will become a participant in the Washington State Public Employees Retirement System from the first day of employment.

- (e) Each Participant is entitled to the benefits of and is bound by this Plan, including all amendments that may be adopted.
- 3.2. **Enrollment in Plan**. An Eligible Employee must complete and return to the UW Benefits and WorkLife Office the appropriate UWRP enrollment form(s). Forms for the Fund Sponsor(s) and for the Funding Vehicle(s) selected must be returned to the Fund Sponsor(s) or as directed by the UW Benefits and WorkLife Office.
- 3.3. **Cessation of Participation**. An employee's participation in the Plan will cease if:
  - (a) he or she retires or otherwise severs from employment with UW and all Related Employers; or
  - (b) the Plan is terminated in accordance with Section 10.1; or
  - (c) he or she is transferred or reclassified to a position that is not an Eligible Position, and he or she does not remain a Participant in this Plan under Section 3.1(c); or
  - (d) having remained a Participant under Section 3.1(c), or having become a Participant under Section 3.1(d), he or she is transferred or reclassified to a position that is not an Eligible Position and does not qualify for participation in another Washington State Retirement System.

#### 4. Contributions.

4.1. **Plan Contributions**. A Participant must contribute five percent of Compensation from date of participation until the end of the pay period during which his or her 35th birthday occurs and seven and one-half percent thereafter. A Participant may elect an increased contribution rate of ten percent of Compensation beginning with the first pay period following that pay period during which he or she reaches age 50. Such election may be revoked and thereafter re-elected at the option of the Participant. UW will make a matching contribution equal to each Participant contribution and will transmit all Plan Contributions to the Fund Sponsor.

# 4.2. Income Tax Deferral.

- (a) Except as provided in (b) below, Plan Contributions shall be made on a tax-deferred basis as authorized under Section 403(b) of the Code.
- (b) Participant contributions shall be made on a non-tax-deferred basis for certain participants who so elected on an irrevocable basis prior to January 1, 1994.
- 4.3. **Limit on Salary Taken into Account**. In addition to other applicable limitations stated in the Plan and notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan to the contrary, for employees who become Participants on or after July 1, 1996, the Compensation taken into account under Section 4.1 for any Plan Year may not exceed \$230,000, as adjusted by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue from time to time for increases in the cost of living (half the annual limit for the sixmonth Plan Year ending December 31, 2009).

#### 4.4. Leave of Absence.

- (a) During an authorized leave of absence with pay, Plan Contributions will continue to be made. Plan Contributions will be calculated based on the actual Compensation UW pays to the Participant during the leave of absence.
- (b) To the extent required by the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, Participants who are absent from employment by reason of service in the uniformed service of the United States shall be entitled to make up contributions that they would have made had they remained in employment during the period of service and to benefit from UW matching contributions.
- (c) A Participant who returns to employment with UW immediately following an authorized leave of absence, other than an absence described in (b) above, and remains employed by UW for at least two years after such return, may contribute within five years after such return an amount equal to the total amount that would have been contributed had the Participant not been on leave (including any amount UW would have contributed) less any contributions under (a) or (b) above with respect to the same leave. The contributions shall be based on the average of the Participant's Compensation at the time the leave of absence was authorized and the time the Participant resumes employment. UW will not match such contributions.
- 4.5. **Rollovers or Transfers to the Plan**. Rollovers or transfers from other plans, accounts or annuities to the Plan will not be accepted.
- 4.6. **Allocation of Plan Contributions**. A Participant may allocate Plan Contributions among Funding Vehicles in any whole-number percentages that total 100 percent.
- 4.7. **Vesting of Contributions**. Each contract and certificate issued in accordance with the provisions of the Plan is the property of the Participant. Amounts attributable to Plan Contributions shall be nonforfeitable. However, Plan Contributions based on a mistake of fact, including Plan Contributions made for an employee who has not completed and returned the enrollment forms required by Section 3.2, shall be returned to UW if UW so requests as provided in Section 9.6.
- 4.8. **Annual Statement**. At least once a year a Fund Sponsor will send each Participant a report summarizing the status of his or her Accumulation Account. A Participant may obtain similar reports or illustrations upon termination of employment or at any other time by writing directly to the Fund Sponsor.
- 4.9. **No Reversion**. Under no circumstances will any Plan Contributions revert to, be paid to, or inure to the benefit of, directly or indirectly, UW, except as provided in Section 4.7 or Section 4.10.
- 4.10. **Maximum Contribution**. Plan Contributions for a Participant for any calendar year, together with contributions for the Participant under any other plan subject to Section 402(g) or 403(b) of the Code, shall not exceed the limitations in Code Sections 402(g) and 415 of the

Code, to the extent applicable, except as permitted by Code Section 414(v). The limitations of Code Sections 402(g), 414(v) and 415 are herein incorporated by reference. If the limitations are exceeded because the Participant is also participating in another plan required to be aggregated with this Plan for the purposes of Code Sections 402(g), 414(v) or 415, and such other plan is maintained by UW or a Related Employer, or UW receives from the Participant sufficient information concerning his or her participation in such other plan, then the extent to which annual contributions under this Plan will be reduced, as compared with the extent to which annual benefits or contributions under any other plans will be reduced, will be determined by UW. If the reduction is under this Plan, UW will advise the affected Participant of any limitations on his or her Plan Contributions required by this section. UW may, in its sole discretion, cause any contribution in excess of the foregoing limitations, adjusted for income, gains, losses or expenses attributable to such excess contribution, to be returned to UW or distributed to the Participant to the extent permitted by applicable law.

# 5. Fund Sponsors and Funding Vehicles.

- 5.1. Fund Sponsors and Funding Vehicles. Plan Contributions are invested in one or more Funding Vehicles made available by UW to Participants under this Plan. UW's current choice of Fund Sponsors and Funding Vehicles is not intended to limit future additions or deletions by UW of Fund Sponsors and Funding Vehicles. The Administrator shall maintain a list of all Fund Sponsors under the Plan. Such list is hereby incorporated as part of the Plan. Each Fund Sponsor and UW shall exchange such information as may be necessary to satisfy Section 403(b) of the Code or other requirements of applicable law. In the case of a Fund Sponsor which is not eligible to receive contributions under the Plan (including a Fund Sponsor which has ceased to be a Fund Sponsor eligible to receive contributions under the Plan, the Employer shall keep the Fund Sponsor informed of the name and contact information of the Plan administrator in order to coordinate information necessary to satisfy section 403(b) of the Code or other requirements of applicable law.
  - (a) **Fund Transfers**. Subject to a Funding Vehicle's rules for transfers and in accordance with the provisions of the Code governing the deferral of income tax with respect to Accumulation Accounts, a Participant may specify that a part or all of his or her Accumulation Account in one Funding Vehicle be transferred to another Funding Vehicle. However, an investment transfer that includes an investment with a Fund Sponsor that is not eligible to receive contributions under Section 4 (referred to below as an exchange) is not permitted.

### 5.2. Fund Review Committee.

(a) **Responsibility**. The Fund Review Committee is a standing body responsible for reviewing the performance of Fund Sponsors and Funding Vehicles available through the University of Washington Retirement Plan (UWRP) and Voluntary Investment Program (VIP). The Committee will also evaluate and recommend whether new Fund Sponsors or Funding Vehicles should be added and whether existing Fund Sponsors or Funding Vehicles should be removed.

If a Funding Vehicle or Fund Sponsor is removed, it shall not be available for subsequent contributions except as otherwise prescribed by the Committee. In addition, the Committee may determine that existing accumulations shall be transferred to one or more other Funding Vehicles specified by the Committee.

The Committee, in coordination with the UW Benefits and WorkLife Office, is to determine the frequency of the performance reviews. In evaluating existing Fund Sponsors and Fund Vehicles, the Committee will monitor and review performance data, analyze participants' comments, requests and concerns, and conduct public meetings on proposed changes. Draft recommendations of the Committee will be presented to and discussed with the Faculty Council on Retirement, Insurance and Benefits. Final recommendations for changes are to be submitted to the Executive Vice President.

The UW Benefits and WorkLife Office shall provide support for the Committee's activities. The Committee may also appoint such advisors and adopt such guidelines, policies or procedures as it deems appropriate.

- (b) **Membership**. The Committee shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Executive Vice President of UW, who will consult with the Faculty Council on Retirement, Insurance and Benefits in selecting the members. The membership shall include the following representatives and officials:
  - One representative of the Faculty Council on Retirement, Insurance and Benefits
  - One or more representatives of the Faculty, as recommended by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee
  - One representative of the Librarians, as recommended by the Association of Librarians of the University of Washington
  - One representative of the Professional Staff, as recommended by the Professional Staff Organization
  - One UWRP participant representing the Classified or Contract Classified Staff, as recommended by the Vice President, Human Resources
  - One retired UWRP representative, as recommended by the UW Retirement Association
  - Ex officio, voting members:
    - ° UW Director of Benefits & WorkLife
    - ° UW Treasurer, Board of Regents
  - Non-voting member:
    - Representative from a four-year institution of higher education in the State of Washington other than the University of Washington

In appointing members, those groups recommending members and the Executive Vice President shall seek to identify individuals who have expertise in the areas of tax and pension law for 403(b) or similar retirement plans, or of finance, investment, or economics.

The Executive Vice President shall designate the Chair of the Committee.

Term of office for members shall be staggered, three year terms. The Committee shall meet as often as it deems appropriate, but not less than every six months. The Chair of the Committee may appoint such committee officers, advisors and sub-committees as needed.

5.3. **Third Party Trading**. The Participant may assign responsibility for investment elections and other transactions under the Plan to another party, in such manner as may be determined from time to time by the UW Benefits and WorkLife Office.

#### 6. Retirement.

- 6.1. **Retirement Because of Age**. On the first of any month after attaining Retirement Age, a Participant who is actively employed by UW may elect to retire by submitting a written application to the UW Benefits and WorkLife Office.
- 6.2. **Retirement Because of Condition of Health**. A retirement because of condition of health may be approved by the President of UW upon request by a Participant who is actively employed by UW or by the administrative officer concerned. The basis for approval is whether continued service by the Participant is likely to seriously impair or endanger the Participant's health, or if the Participant is permanently unable to carry on his or her usual duties because of health. A request for retirement because of condition of health is referred to the Director of Benefits & WorkLife, who will convene the Special Board on Retirement Because of Health. The recommendations of the Special Board on Retirement Because of Health are presented to the President of UW. The Special Board consists of the Dean of the School of Medicine, the Director of Benefits & WorkLife, one physician appointed by the Faculty Senate for a term of three years, and two Participant representatives selected by the Vice President, Human Resources after consultation with the Faculty Senate and other Participant groups.
- 6.3. **Retiree Reemployment**. means the reemployment of a former Participant up to 40% of full time following the date of retirement under Section 6.1. Such reemployment shall be subject to all applicable UW rules. A reemployed retiree is not a Participant under the Plan.

## 7. Benefits.

7.1. **Retirement Benefits**. After a Participant retires under the Plan or his or her employment with UW and any related Employer earlier terminates, the Participant may access 100% of the retirement accumulations. The Participant should contact the Fund Sponsor to determine the variety of payment options offered. Any election hereunder requires the written consent of the Participant's spouse, if any, in accordance with Section 7.3.

- 7.2. **Death Benefits**. On the death of a Participant, the entire value of each Accumulation Account is payable to the Beneficiary or Beneficiaries named by the Participant under one of the options offered by the Fund Sponsor. However, to the extent that the account has been applied to purchase an annuity, payments shall be made only if and to the extent provided by the form of annuity.
- 7.3. **Application for Benefits; Spousal Consent**. To begin receiving benefits, the Participant or Beneficiary must write directly to the Fund Sponsor. The Fund Sponsor will provide the necessary forms to the Participant or the Beneficiary. The Fund Sponsor will pay benefits upon receipt of a satisfactorily completed application for benefits and supporting documents. In any case in which Section 2.2 or 7.1 requires the consent of the Participant's spouse, the consent must be in writing, must acknowledge the effect of the election or action to which the consent applies, and must be witnessed by a notary public. Unless the consent expressly provides that the Participant may make further elections without further consent of the spouse, the consent will be effective only with respect to the specific election of form of benefit, or Beneficiary, or both, to which the consent relates. Spousal consent will be effective only with respect to that spouse. Spousal consent will not be required if it is established to the satisfaction of the UW Benefits and WorkLife Office that the spouse cannot be located.

# 7.4. Minimum Distribution Requirements.

- (a) All distributions under this Plan will be made in accordance with Code sections 403(b)(10) and 401(a)(9), as each is amended and in effect from time to time, and regulations thereunder. The entire Accumulation Account of each Participant will be distributed over a period not to exceed the life (or life expectancy) of the Participant or over the lives (or life expectancies) of the Participant and a designated Beneficiary. Minimum distributions must begin no later than April 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the Participant attains age 70 1/2, or, if later, April 1 following the calendar year in which the Participant retires from UW. Notwithstanding the above, the Accumulation Account of each Participant as of December 31, 1986 will be distributed in accordance with IRS Regulation 1.403(b)-6(e)(6). The Participant (or Beneficiary, after the Participant's death) may elect whether to use the permissive recalculation rule for life expectancies under Code Section 401(a)(9)(D). Upon the Participant's death after the time benefits are required to begin hereunder, any remaining benefits will be distributed at least as rapidly as under the method of distribution in effect at the time of the Participant's death.
- (b) If the Participant dies before benefit payments are required to begin under the preceding paragraph, any benefits payable to (or for the benefit of) a designated Beneficiary will be paid by the end of the fifth full calendar year after the Participant's death, or will be paid beginning no later than the end of the first full calendar year after the Participant's death over the life of the designated Beneficiary or over a period not exceeding the life expectancy of the designated Beneficiary. If the designated Beneficiary is the surviving spouse, payment may be delayed until the date the Participant would have attained age 70 1/2.

- (c) In applying the foregoing rules, each Annuity Contract or Custodial Account shall be treated as an individual retirement account (IRA) and distribution shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Section 1.408-8 of the IRS regulations, except as provided in Section 1.403(b)-6(e) of the Regulations.
- 7.5. **Withdrawals, Loans, Benefit Distributions**. Withdrawals and/or benefit distributions are not available prior to severance from employment with UW and all Related Employers. Loans are not available.

#### 7.6. Rollover Distributions.

- (a) A Participant or the Beneficiary of a deceased Participant (or a Participant's spouse or former spouse who is an alternate payee under a domestic relations order, as defined in section 414(p) of the Code) who is entitled to an eligible rollover distribution (as defined in section 402(c)(4) of the Code) from the Plan may elect to have any portion of that distribution paid directly to an eligible retirement plan (as defined in section 402(c)(8)(B) of the Code) specified by the Participant in a direct rollover. In the case of a distribution to a Beneficiary who at the time of the Participant's death was neither the spouse of the Participant nor the spouse or former spouse of the participant who is an alternate payee under a domestic relations order, a direct rollover is payable only to an individual retirement account or individual retirement annuity (IRA) that has been established on behalf of the Beneficiary as an inherited IRA (within the meaning of section 408(d)(3)(C) of the Code).
- (b) Each Fund Sponsor shall be separately responsible for providing, within a reasonable time period before making an initial eligible rollover distribution, an explanation to the Participant of his or her right to elect a direct rollover and the income tax withholding consequences of not electing a direct rollover.

## 8. Administration

- 8.1. **Plan Administration**. UW is the administrator of this Plan and has designated the UW Benefits and WorkLife Office to be responsible for the day to day administration of the Plan.
- 8.2. **Authority of UW**. UW shall have final authority to determine all questions concerning eligibility and contributions under the Plan, to interpret all terms of the Plan, including any uncertain terms, and to decide any disputes arising under and all questions concerning administration of the Plan. Any determination made by UW shall be given deference, if it is subject to judicial review, and shall be overturned only if it is arbitrary and capricious.

# 9. Miscellaneous

9.1. **Non-Alienation of Benefits**. Except as provided in this section, no benefit under the Plan may at any time be subject in any manner to alienation, encumbrance, the claims of creditors, or legal process. No participant will have power in any manner to transfer, assign, alienate, or in any way encumber his or her benefits under the Plan, or any part thereof, and any attempt to do so will be void and of no effect. This Plan will comply with any judgment, decree or order that

establishes the rights of another person to all or a portion of a Participant's benefit under this Plan to the extent that it is treated as a qualified domestic relations order under Code Section 414(p). Such payment shall be made without regard to whether the Participant is eligible for a distribution of benefits under the Plan. UW shall establish reasonable procedures for determining the status of any such decree or order and for effectuating distribution pursuant to the domestic relations order.

- 9.2. **Plan Does Not Affect Employment**. Nothing in this Plan is a commitment or agreement by any person to continue his or her employment with UW, and nothing in this Plan is a commitment on the part of UW to continue the employment or the rate of compensation of any person for any period. All employees of UW will remain subject to nonrenewal, discharge or discipline to the same extent as if the Plan had never been put into effect.
- 9.3. **Claims of Other Persons**. The Plan does not give any Participant or any other person, firm, or corporation any legal or equitable right against UW, or its officers, employees, or Regents, except for the rights that are specifically provided for in this Plan or created in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Plan.
- 9.4. **Contracts and Certificates**. In the event there is any inconsistency or ambiguity between the terms of the Plan and the terms of the contracts between the Fund Sponsor and UW and/or the Participants and any contracts and/or certificates issued to a Participant under the Plan, the terms of the Plan control.
- 9.5. **Requests for Information**. Any request for information concerning eligibility, participation, contributions, or other aspects of the operation of the Plan should be in writing and directed to the UW Benefits and WorkLife Office. Requests for information concerning the Fund Sponsor, the Funding Vehicle(s), their terms, conditions and interpretations thereof, claims thereunder, any requests for review of such claims, and service of legal process may be directed in writing to the Fund Sponsor.
- 9.6. **Mistaken Contributions**. If any contribution (or any portion of a contribution) is made to the Plan by a good faith mistake of fact, then within one year after the payment of the contribution, and upon receipt in good order of a proper request approved by the UW Benefits and WorkLife Office, the amount of the mistaken contribution (adjusted for any income or loss in value, if any, allocable thereto) shall be returned directly to the Participant or, to the extent required or permitted by the UW Benefits and WorkLife Office, to UW.
- 9.7. **Governing Law**. The provisions of the Plan are governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington.

## 10. Amendment and Termination.

10.1. **Amendment and Termination**. The Board reserves the right at any time to amend or terminate the Plan, in whole or in part, or to discontinue any further contributions or payments under the Plan. If the Plan is terminated or if Plan Contributions are completely discontinued, UW will notify all Participants. As of the date of complete or partial termination, all Accumulation Accounts will remain nonforfeitable.

- 10.2. **Distribution Upon Termination of the Plan**. UW may provide that, in connection with a termination of the Plan and subject to any restrictions contained in the Annuity Contracts and Custodial Account agreements, all Accumulation Accounts will be distributed, provided that UW and any Related Employer on the date of termination do not make contributions to an alternative section 403(b) contract that is not part of the Plan during the period beginning on the date of plan termination and ending 12 months after the distribution of all assets from the Plan, except as permitted by IRS regulations.
- 10.3. **Limitation**. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 10.1, the Board shall not make any amendment to the Plan that operates to recapture for UW any contributions previously made under this Plan except to the extent permitted by Section 4.7 or 4.10.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON 401(a) SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PLAN

Amended and Restated, Effective January 1, 2009

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#### ARTICLE 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. <u>Amendment and Restatement</u>. This document amends, restates, and continues Part III of the University of Washington Retirement Plan (UWRP), as in effect on December 31, 2008, which previously set out the terms and conditions of the supplemental retirement benefit provided for in RCW 28B.10.400(3), as amended.
- 1.2. <u>401(a) Status</u>. The Plan, as set forth herein and previously in the UWRP document, is a governmental plan as defined in Section 410(d) of the Code intended to qualify under Section 401(a) of the Code, and shall be construed accordingly.

# **ARTICLE 2. DEFINITIONS**

- 2.1. "Average Annual Salary" means the average annual Basic Salary paid to a Participant for his or her highest 24 consecutive Months of Service.
- 2.2. "Basic Salary" means the salary received by a Participant under the terms of his or her appointment, including any summer appointments, but excluding other extended appointments. Basic Salary shall be determined before taking into account any salary reduction under Code sections 125, 132, 403(b) or 457(a). Basic Salary shall exclude leave cash-out payments, any settlement, severance or tenure purchase payments, and any other amounts that are not taken into account in computing UWRP contributions. For any Participant who first became a participant in this Plan or the UWRP on or after July 1, 1996, Basic Salary shall not be taken into account for any Plan Year in excess of \$230,000 (or such other limit as shall apply for such Plan Year under Section 401(a) (17) of the Code).
- 2.3. "Beneficiary" means the surviving spouse of the Participant or, with the written consent of such spouse, if any, such other person or persons as shall have an insurable interest in the Participant's life and shall have been nominated by written designation duly executed and filed with the UW Benefits and WorkLife Office.
  - 2.4. "Board" means the Board of Regents of the University of Washington.
- 2.5. "Break in Service" means termination of all UW employment and appointments for a full calendar month.
- 2.6. "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (Title 26 of the United States Code).
- 2.7. "Eligible Employee" means any employee of UW who is employed in an Eligible Position, other than an employee who has retired from a position which is covered by RCW 28B.10.400 et seq.
- 2.8. "Eligible Position" means an academic, research, librarian, professional, or other salaried position designated by the Board that requires at least fifty percent of the normal full-time workload per month in at least six consecutive months. However, a position held by a person on a fee, retainer, or special contract basis, or as an incident to the private practice of a profession or to the employee's education, is not an Eligible Position. The job classes of resident

(job code 0328), chief resident (job code 0329) and fellow (job code 0444) shall also be considered Eligible Positions. An Eligible Employee, once having begun participation in this Plan, shall be deemed to be employed in an Eligible Position even if his or her position no longer requires at least fifty percent of the normal full-time workload per month in at least six consecutive months, so long as the position otherwise qualifies as an Eligible Position.

- 2.9. "Fixed Annuity" means a Retirement Annuity contract issued by Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association ("TIAA") under which 100% of the accumulation is invested in the TIAA Traditional Account.
- 2.10. "Month of Service" is a calendar month throughout which the employee is employed in an Eligible Position with 50 percent or more of the normal full time work load. If the employee is employed in an Eligible Position for only a fraction of a month, prorated credit shall be given for that month.
- 2.11. "Participant" means any Eligible Employee who participates in the Plan in accordance with Article 3.
- 2.12. "Plan" means the University of Washington 401(a) Supplemental Retirement Plan set forth in this document as it may be amended from time to time and, prior to January 1, 2009, as set forth in Part III of the UWRP plan document.
  - 2.13. "Plan Year" means the calendar year.
- 2.14. "Retirement Age": "Normal Retirement Age means the last day of the calendar month in which age 65 is attained; Early Retirement Age means the last day of the calendar month in which age 62 is attained.
  - 2.15. "Trust" means the trust established to hold and invest assets of the Plan.
  - 2.16. "Trustee" means the trustee or trustees appointed by UW to administer the Trust.
- 2.17. "USERRA" means the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994.
  - 2.18. "UW" means the University of Washington.
  - 2.19. "UWRP" means the University of Washington Retirement Plan.
- 2.20. "Variable Annuity" means a variable Retirement Annuity certificate issued by College Retirement Equities Fund ("CREF") under which the entire accumulation is invested in the CREF Stock Account.
- 2.21. "Year of Service" is a Plan Year in which the employee completes at least five Months of Service, excluding Months of Service before a prior Break in Service (if any) and, after July 1, 1979, any Months of Service for which no contributions were made under the UWRP or any other plan established pursuant to RCW 28B.10.400. Authorized leaves of absence will also be included, as will periods of absence in the uniformed services to the extent provided in

USERRA. A Participant's Years of Service will also include his or her credited Years of Service in a position covered by RCW 28B.10.400 et seq. or in a UW position covered by a Washington State Retirement System, provided that, with regard to the Washington State Retirement System, (a) the Participant transfers directly from the System to the UWRP, (b) the Participant was vested and will receive a retirement income benefit from such System, (c) service that has been withdrawn does not count, and (d) the Participant signs a release within 60 days after the application for benefits, as needed to obtain the relevant information from the System. Any retirement income benefit that he or she is eligible to receive under the System attributable to Years of Service that are covered under the preceding sentence shall be included in the assumed benefit offset described in Section 5.3. Except as otherwise provided in USERRA, an Employee may receive credit for no more than two years during his or her entire working career for periods of authorized leave without pay, provided that the Employee contributes both the Employer and Employee contributions under the UWRP while on authorized leave, and returns to the employment of UW immediately following the leave for a period of not less than two years. The Employee and Employer contributions shall be based on the average of the Employee's compensation at the time the leave of absence was authorized and the time the Employee resumes employment. However, the benefit provided by this Plan shall be based only on the Participant's compensation earned from employment with UW.

#### ARTICLE 3. PARTICIPATION

- 3.1. <u>Commencement of participation</u>. An Eligible Employee begins (or began) participation in this Plan on the later of (a) the date he or she begins (or began) participation in the UWRP or (b) the beginning of the first period for which the Eligible Employee has made a contribution under the UWRP.
- 3.2. <u>Cessation of participation</u>. A Participant will continue to be a Participant so long as he or she continues to contribute under the UWRP (except while on authorized leave), and shall cease to be a Participant in this Plan when he or she ceases to contribute under the UWRP.

# ARTICLE 4. RETIREMENT

- 4.1. Retirement because of age. On the first of any month after attaining age 62, a Participant who is actively employed by UW may elect to retire by submitting a written resignation to his or her superior and a retirement application to the UW Benefits and WorkLife Office. A person is ineligible for any benefit under this Plan if he or she ceases to be a Participant prior to age 62 for reasons other than retirement because of condition of health as described in Section 4.2.
- 4.2. Retirement because of condition of health. A retirement because of condition of health may be approved by the President of UW upon request by a Participant or by the administrative officer concerned. The basis for approval is whether continued service by the Participant is likely to seriously impair or endanger the Participant's health, or if the Participant is permanently unable to carry on his or her usual duties because of health. A request for retirement because of condition of health is referred to the Director of Benefits & WorkLife, who will convene the Special Board on Retirement Because of Health. The recommendations of the Special Board on Retirement Because of Health are presented to the President of UW. The

Special Board consists of the Dean of the School of Medicine, the Director of Benefits & WorkLife, one physician appointed by the Faculty Senate for a term of three years, and two Participant representatives selected by the Vice President, Human Resources after consultation with the Faculty Senate and other Participant groups.

4.3. Retiree reemployment means the reemployment of a former Participant up to 40% of full time following the date of retirement under Section 4.1. Such reemployment shall be subject to all applicable UW rules. Such reemployment after retirement will not be counted as service under the Plan nor result in any eligibility for increased benefits under the Plan. A reemployed retiree who retired under this Plan or the UWRP is not a Participant under the Plan.

### ARTICLE 5. BENEFITS

- 5.1. <u>Eligibility for benefit</u>. A Participant is eligible for a benefit under this Plan if, at retirement, all of the following are true:
  - (a) The Participant has reached age 62 or retires under Section 4.2, and
  - (b) The number of his or her Years of Service is ten or more, and
  - (c) The amount of his or her benefit, as calculated under Section 5.2, is a positive amount.
- 5.2. <u>Amount of benefit</u>. The monthly amount of lifetime benefit payable to an eligible retired Participant is the amount determined by UW at the time of retirement to be the excess, if any, of
  - (a) one-twelfth of two percent of the Participant's Average Annual Salary multiplied by the number of his or her Years of Service (such product not to exceed one-twelfth of 50% of the Participant's Average Annual Salary) over
  - (b) the amount of the assumed annuity benefit offset the retired Participant would receive in the first month of retirement, calculated as provided in Section 5.3.

The percentage factor in (a) above shall be 1.5 percent instead of 2 percent for any Month of Service commencing on or after July 1, 1974, during any portion of which the Participant, having attained the age of fifty, had not elected to participate in the UWRP at the 10% plan contribution rate. The benefit hereunder is reduced by .5% times the number of full calendar months that benefit payments begin prior to Normal Retirement Age; however, if the Participant was given a retirement because of condition of health under Section 4.2, this reduction will not apply.

5.3. Assumed annuity benefit offset. The assumed annuity benefit offset for a married Participant is equal to the amount of monthly benefit from the Fixed and Variable Annuities calculated as a joint and survivor annuity with two-thirds of the benefit to the survivor, with the Participant's spouse as the survivor (using the spouse's actual age, if within five years of the Participant's age; otherwise, using the age closest to the spouse's age that is five years less than or five years greater than the Participant's age). For an unmarried Participant, the benefit offset is calculated as a single life annuity with a ten-year guaranteed period. In either case, the

assumed annuity benefit offset will be the amount estimated by UW at the time of retirement. The following assumptions shall be used in computing the assumed annuity benefit offset:

- (a) Benefit calculations related to contributions under the UWRP shall be computed on the assumption that the Participant had allocated 50 percent of such contributions to the Fixed Annuity and 50 percent of such contributions to the Variable Annuity and made no subsequent transfers from these accounts.
- (b) Any portion of a Participant's accumulation account under the UWRP which is awarded by a court to such person's spouse under a domestic relations order is included in any subsequent calculation of the benefit under the UWRP as if such portion had remained in the Participant's accumulation account under the UWRP until the date of retirement.
- (c) Annuity accumulations attributable to any additional voluntary employee contributions, beyond those provided for in the UWRP, and any contributions paid through employers other than State of Washington institutions of higher education, are excluded.
- (d) All benefits that a retired Participant is eligible to receive from a plan established pursuant to RCW 28B.10.400 or (to the extent attributable to Years of Service) from a Washington State Retirement System shall be included in the assumed annuity benefit offset to the same extent as if received from the UWRP.
- 5.4. <u>Alternative method of benefit calculation</u>. The monthly amount of the benefit for a participant whose Months of Service began not later than October 1, 1955, is the greater of:
  - (a) The benefit defined in Section 5.2; or
  - (b) The supplemental benefit that would have been provided the Participant under the rules of the UWRP in effect on June 30, 1974.
- 5.5. <u>Death benefit</u>. If a Participant dies while eligible for benefits under the Plan after attaining age 62, the benefit, if any, payable to the Participant's Beneficiary shall be equal to the benefit that the Beneficiary would have received if the Participant had begun to receive retirement income on the first day of the month following the month in which the Participant's death occurs and had elected a two-thirds benefit to survivor option with the Beneficiary as the survivor.
- 5.6. Form of distribution. Benefits under the Plan are to be received as lifetime income and may only be made over (a) the life of the retiree, or (b) at the written election of the retiree, the lives of the retiree and a Beneficiary, in any form of lifetime annuity made available by UW that does not include a guarantee period. If option (b) is chosen, the actuarially equivalent income shall be computed using the dividend, interest and mortality basis then in effect for the Fixed Annuity. Any form of distribution hereunder to a married Participant, other than a joint and survivor form under which the spouse to whom the Participant is married at the time of the election hereunder receives a survivor annuity equal to 50% or more of the lifetime annuity payable to the Participant, requires the consent of the Participant's spouse at the time of

the election hereunder, in accordance with Section 5.7. Once an election has been made hereunder, the form of distribution may not be changed at any later time for any reason, including (without limitation) remarriage of the Participant, provided that in the event of a Beneficiary's death (or any other change in circumstances) before the starting date of any annuity payments a new Beneficiary may be designated by the Participant prior to that starting date. Benefit payments are made in equal monthly installments or more frequently, consistent with UW's payroll practices. At the election of UW, the supplemental payment may be made at longer intervals if the installments for a Participant or his or her Beneficiary would otherwise be less than a minimum amount established from time to time by the UW Benefits and WorkLife Office.

- 5.7. Application for benefits; spousal consent. To begin receiving benefits, the Participant or Beneficiary must write directly to the UW Benefits and WorkLife Office. The UW Benefits and WorkLife Office will provide the necessary forms to the Participant or the Beneficiary. UW will pay benefits upon receipt of a satisfactorily completed application for benefits and supporting documents. In any case in which the consent of the Participant's spouse is required, the consent must be in writing, must acknowledge the effect of the election or action to which the consent applies, and must be witnessed by a notary public. Unless the consent expressly provides that the Participant may make further elections without further consent of the spouse, the consent will be effective only with respect to the specific election of form of benefit, or Beneficiary, or both, to which the consent relates. Spousal consent will be effective only with respect to that spouse. Spousal consent will not be required if it is established to the satisfaction of the UW Benefits and WorkLife Office that the spouse cannot be located.
- 5.8. <u>Application for benefits</u>. Procedures for calculation of the benefits under this Plan are initiated by submitting an "Application for Retirement" form to the UW Benefits and WorkLife Office.
- 5.9. Benefit payments. Any benefits that become payable under this Article 5 will be paid from the general assets of UW, unless paid from the Trust. If benefits are paid from general assets of UW, they shall be treated as a contribution to the Trust and payment by the Trust. Nothing in this Plan will be construed to create a trust or obligate UW to segregate a fund, purchase an annuity contract, or fund in any other way the future payment of any benefits under this Plan.
- 5.10. Minimum distributions. All benefits under this Plan will be made in accordance with Code Section 401(a)(9) and the regulations thereunder. Minimum distributions must begin no later than April 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the Participant attains age 70½ or, if later, April 1 following the calendar year in which the Participant retires from UW. Upon the Participant's death after the time benefits are required to begin hereunder, any remaining benefits will be distributed at least as rapidly as under the method of distribution in effect at the time of the Participant's death. If the Participant dies before benefit payments are required to begin under the second sentence of this Section 5.10, any benefits payable to (or for the benefit of) the Beneficiary will be paid beginning no later than the date the Participant would have attained age 70 1/2 over the life of the Beneficiary.

- 5.11. <u>Maximum benefit</u>. Benefits under the Plan shall not exceed the limitation of Section 415(b) of the Code, to the extent applicable.
- 5.12. <u>Forfeitures</u>. Forfeitures shall not be applied to increase the benefits any employee would otherwise receive under the Plan.

# ARTICLE 6. ADMINISTRATION

- 6.1. <u>Plan administration</u>. UW is the administrator of this Plan and has designated the UW Benefits and WorkLife Office to be responsible for the day to day administration of the Plan.
- 6.2. <u>Authority of UW</u>. UW shall have final authority to determine all questions concerning eligibility and benefits under the Plan, to interpret all terms of the Plan, including any uncertain terms, and to decide any disputes arising under and all questions concerning administration of the Plan. Any determination made by UW shall be given deference, if it is subject to judicial review, and shall be overturned only if it is arbitrary and capricious.
- 6.3. <u>Requests for information</u>. Any request for information concerning eligibility, participation, benefits, or other aspects of the operation of the Plan should be in writing and directed to the UW Benefits and WorkLife Office.
- 6.4. <u>Payment of expenses</u>. All reasonable costs and expenses incident to the administration of the Plan and the Trust, including but not limited to legal, accounting, and Trustee fees, shall be paid by the Trust unless UW elects to pay such expenses. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any and all expenses relating to settlor functions such as creation or termination of the Plan shall be paid by UW and may not be paid from the Trust.

## ARTICLE 7. FUNDING

- 7.1. <u>Trust agreement or declaration</u>. UW shall appoint a Trustee (which may include UW itself) and enter into a trust agreement or declaration of trust. The Trustee will receive and invest all contributions, if any, made under the Plan to the Trust and all income derived therefrom. UW may remove a Trustee and may appoint a successor or additional Trustees and may divide their duties and responsibilities as it sees fit.
- 7.2. Exclusive benefit of Participants. All assets of the Trust shall be held for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits to Participants and Beneficiaries under the Plan and defraying reasonable expenses of administering the Plan and as otherwise permitted by law and the Plan. In no event shall it be possible at any time prior to the satisfaction of all liabilities under Plan for any part of the assets of the Trust, whether principal or income, to be used for or diverted to purposes other than those stated herein.
- 7.3. Return of contributions. Nothing herein shall prohibit a return to UW, within one year after payment, of excess sums contributed to the Trust as a result of a good faith mistake of fact. In addition, in the event that the Commissioner of Internal Revenue (or his or her delegate) determines that the Plan is not initially qualified under the Code, any UW contributions made to the Plan shall be returned to UW within one year after the date the initial qualification is denied.

### ARTICLE 8. AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

- 8.1. <u>Amendment and termination</u>. The Board reserves the right at any time to amend or terminate the Plan, in whole or in part, to the extent permitted by law. If the Plan is terminated, UW will notify all Participants. All benefits accrued to the date of termination will be nonforfeitable to the extent funded or as otherwise required by law. No amendment shall be effective if it permits any part of the Trust assets (other than such part as is required to pay taxes and administration expenses) to be used for or diverted to any purpose other than for the exclusive benefit of the Participants or their Beneficiaries, or permits any portion of the Trust assets to revert to or become property of UW, except as permitted by law.
- 8.2. <u>Limitation</u>. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 8.1, the Board shall not make any amendment to the Plan that operates to recapture for UW any contributions previously made under this Plan except to the extent permitted by law.

## ARTICLE 9. MISCELLANEOUS

- 9.1. <u>Non-alienation of benefits</u>. Except as provided in this section, no benefit under the Plan may at any time be subject in any manner to alienation, encumbrance, the claims of creditors, or legal process. No participant will have power in any manner to transfer, assign, alienate, or in any way encumber his or her benefits under the Plan, or any part thereof, and any attempt to do so will be void and of no effect. This Plan will comply with any judgment, decree or order that establishes the rights of another person to all or a portion of a Participant's benefit under this Plan to the extent that it is treated as a qualified domestic relations order under Code Section 414(p).
- 9.2. <u>Plan does not affect employment</u>. Nothing in this Plan is a commitment or agreement by any person to continue his or her employment with UW, and nothing in this Plan is a commitment on the part of UW to continue the employment or the rate of compensation of any person for any period. All employees of UW will remain subject to nonrenewal, discharge or discipline to the same extent as if the Plan had never been put into effect.
- 9.3. <u>Claims of other persons</u>. The Plan does not give any Participant or any other person, firm, or corporation any legal or equitable right against UW, or its officers, employees, or Regents, except for the rights that are specifically provided for in this Plan or created in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Plan.
- 9.4. <u>Governing law</u>. Except as provided under federal law, the provisions of the Plan are governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington.